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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 6/5/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9-13, 15-17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29-32, 34-38 and 42-50.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Applicant's representative brought to the examiner's attention that the examiner inadvertently excluded a few amendments in the previous examiner's amendment. The instant examiner's amendment has been made to correct those exclusions.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory Kolocouris on 8/16/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 10, line 1, --the spring is disposed between the first surface of the guide and-- has been added after "the".

In claim 10, line 1, "elongated portion of the valve includes a stem portion and the spring is positioned about a portion of" has been deleted.

In claim 10, line 3, --of the valve-- has been added after "portion".

In claim 12, line 2, "a" has been replaced with --the stem--.

In claim 12, line 3, "a portion" has been replaced with --the first surface--.

In claim 15, line 3, "of" has been deleted.

In claim 34, line 4, "and" has been deleted.

In claim 35, line 7, --first-- has been added after "by".

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In claim 35, line 14, --and-- has been added after "outward;".

The above amendments were made to correct exclusions by the examiner in the previous examiner's amendment.

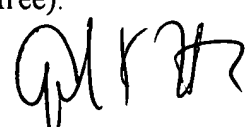
Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-7, 9-13, 15-17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29-32, 34-38, and 42-50 are allowed.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John K. Fristoe Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-4926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7: 00 a.m-4: 30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine R. Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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